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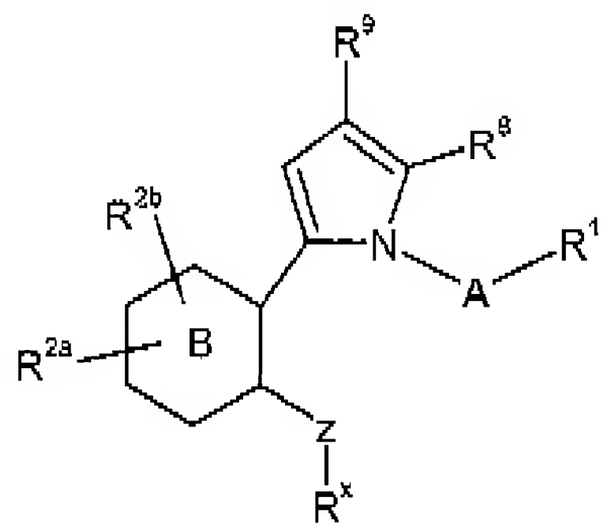
Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein A represents an optionally substituted aryl, or an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered heterocyclyl ring, or an optionally substituted bicyclic heterocyclyl group;

B represents a phenyl or pyridyl ring;

Z represents O, S, SO, or SO_2;

R^1 represents CO_2R^4, CN, $CONR^5R^6$, $CH_2CO_2R^4$, OR^4, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted SO_2alkyl, $SO_2NR^5R^6$, $NR^5CONR^5R^6$, COalkyl, 2H-tetrazol-5-yl-methyl, optionally substituted bicyclic heterocycle or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

R^{2a} and R^{2b} each independently represents hydrogen, halogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, CN, SO_2alkyl, SR^5, NO_2, optionally substituted aryl, $CONR^5R^6$ or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

R^x represents optionally substituted alkyl wherein 1 or 2 of the non-terminal carbon atoms are optionally replaced by a group independently selected from NR^4, O and SO_n, wherein n is 0, 1 or 2: or R^x represents optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-heterocyclyl, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-bicyclic heterocyclyl or optionally substituted CQ^aQ^b-aryl;

R^4 represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted alkyl;

R^5 represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted alkyl;

R^6 represents hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted SO_2aryl, optionally substituted SO_2alkyl, optionally substituted SO_2heteroaryl, CN, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^baryl, optionally substituted CQ^aQ^bheteroaryl or COR^7;
R^7 represents hydrogen, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryl or optionally substituted aryl;
R^8 represents hydrogen, Cl, CF_3, or C_{1-3}alkyl;
R^9 represents halogen, hydrogen, CF_3, or C_{1-3}alkyl;
Q^a and Q^b are each independently selected from hydrogen and CH_3;
wherein when A is a 6-membered ring the R^1 substituent and pyrrole ring are attached to carbon atoms 1,2-, 1,3- or 1,4- relative to each other, and when A is a five-membered ring or bicyclic heterocyclyl group the R^1 substituent and phenyl ring are attached to substitutable carbon atoms 1,2- or 1,3- relative to each other;
and derivatives thereof.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted pyridyl or optionally substituted isoquinolinyl.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof together with a pharmaceutical carrier and/or excipient.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for use as an active therapeutic substance.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for use in the treatment of a condition which is mediated by the action of PGE_2 at EP_1 receptors.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from a condition which is mediated by the action of PGE_2 at EP_1 receptors which comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a human or animal subject suffering from inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain or visceral pain which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 3~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

9. – 10. (Canceled).